



KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1972

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1972. The report is presented in the form required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid - 1972	3,740
Number of inhabited houses	1,380
Rateable Value	£227,161
Sum represented by Penny Rate (1p)	£2,280

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births - legitimate	23	20	43
- illegitimate	-	1	1
Still births - legitimate	-	-	-
- illegitimate	-	-	-

	<u>District</u>		<u>England & Wales</u>
	<u>Crude</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>1972</u>
Live birth Rate	11.8	14.4	14.8
Death Rate	7.5	7.5	12.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	Nil		17.0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, - Breast	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	1
Anaemias	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system	2	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	5	5
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	-
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2
Pneumonia	3	-
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (Other
than Tuberculosis) during the year 1972

Disease	Under 1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{9}$	$\frac{10}{14}$	$\frac{15}{24}$	$\frac{25}{34}$	$\frac{35}{44}$	$\frac{45}{64}$	65 & over	Total
Measles	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	--	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	--	3



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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1972.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	119
Meat and Foods	14
Factories	27
Offices and Shops	22
Refuse Collection and Disposal	151
Sewage Disposal	496
Building	603
Rodent Control	145
Miscellaneous	303
Total	<u>1880</u>

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied With</u>
Informal	15	15
Statutory	2	2

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers are met chiefly from wholesale meat suppliers. It was not necessary to condemn any foodstuffs in the District during the year.

Preserved Food etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report.

One premises was deleted from the Register during the year.

FACTORIES

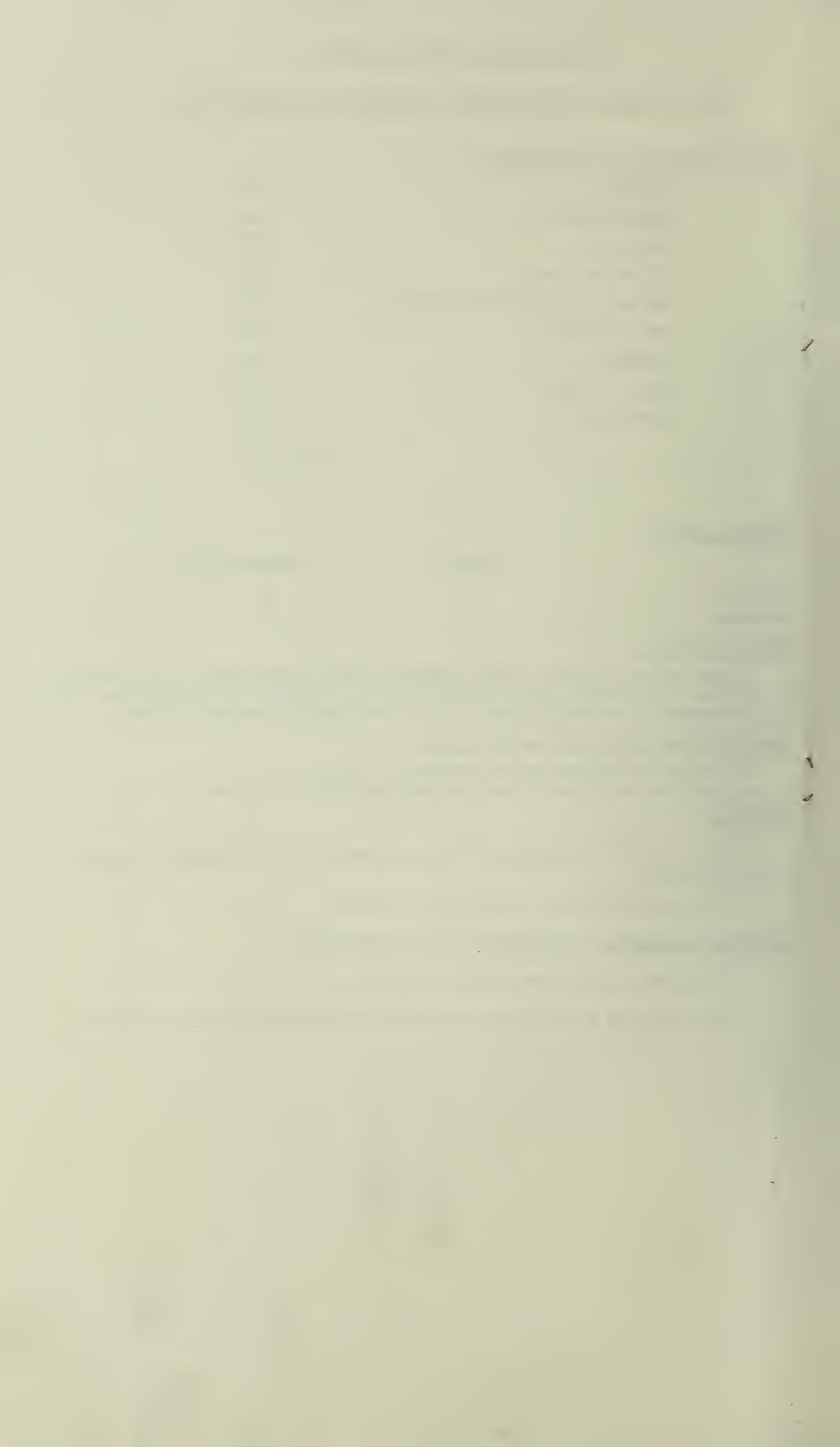
There were three additions and one deletion to the Register to report during the year.

It was not necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There was no incidence of food poisoning.

No action had to be taken in respect of verminous persons or premises.



NEW BUILDINGS

During the year a record 199 plans were deposited of which 141 were approved and 58 exempt from Building Regulations. This represents an increase of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the previous year.

The approved plans included those for 182 private dwellings comprising 175 at Ryhall, 2 at Ketton, 2 at Little Casterton and one each in Great Casterton, Clipsham and Tinwell. In addition two plans were submitted for the conversion of buildings into dwellings at Ketton and Little Casterton respectively.

58 Private Dwellings were completed during the year comprising 42 at Ketton, 9 at Essendine and 7 at Ryhall.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The volume of this work has again increased during the year as more and more houses are built but the service has continued to operate very smoothly, and this is reflected in the very few complaints received. A great deal of the credit for this is due to the three collectors. This Council is extremely fortunate in having three men who are conscientious in their work and who have now worked together as a team for the past twelve years. Bulky items of household refuse are removed by prior arrangement with me.

The refuse is disposed of at the Ryhall Road Tip, Great Casterton and two loads are also taken each week to the Oakham Urban District Council's tip at Pilton.

The Ryhall Road tip is rapidly being filled but I am hopeful that it will now last the Council until Local Government Reorganization comes into being in 1974.

The new refuse freighter was brought into use in May and this has certainly assisted in coping with the increased volume of refuse.

The soiling over of the Pickworth Road tip at Great Casterton was completed during the year and this has now returned to agricultural use.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

It is pleasing to report that the long awaited Clipsham sewerage scheme was commenced and good progress had been made by the end of the year. This scheme will complete the Council's plans for sewerage the District, and means that well over 90% of the District will have main drainage facilities. Only approximately 10 pail closets remain in the District and the majority of these should be abolished within the next 12 months.

The Council's Consulting Engineer submitted a report of their findings on the operation of Ketton Sewage Works. In brief their investigation indicated that the sewage works are approaching a fully loaded state but given careful management should still be capable of performing satisfactorily most of the time. They further stated that there is scope for improvement and any significant increase in population would necessitate extensions.

Having received this report and bearing in mind the proposed development outlined in the Ketton Village Plan, the Council instructed the Engineer to prepare a scheme for the works which would cater for a 50% increase in population served over the next five years. The Engineer's proposals had not been forthcoming by the end of the year.

In order to overcome the sludge problem at the Ketton Works large quantities of liquid sludge were again taken from the works and spread on the land in the Parish.

This was possible because of the exceptionally long dry autumn and also the ready cooperation of a local farmer. Naturally, dealing with liquid sludge is a most obnoxious and unpleasant task and I must praise the four attendants for the conscientious manner in which they carried out their duties on this and Sewage works maintenance generally.

Two Trade Effluent Agreements were negotiated during the year.

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PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963.

There are no registered establishments in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board, whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supply Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

The results of supplies taken by the Water Boards during the year for bacteriological examination have been satisfactory.

10 Samples were taken from private supplies and of these 5 were reported as satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory. One of these supplies is not being used for drinking purposes at the present time.

RODENT CONTROL.

Pest control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a Pest Control Company. During the year the arrangement again worked quite satisfactorily.

Private dwellings receive a free treatment for rodent infestation while any work at business premises is carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

The Council's refuse tip, sewage works and depot all received regular surveys to deal with any rodent infestation.

Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests such as wasps, cockroaches, moles etc., but this is only carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

90 premises were treated for rats and 10 for mice and of this number 81 were dwelling houses. This represents an increase on the previous year, but when one reads of the growing concern at the increase in the spread of warfarin resistant rats, reports where 40% of all buildings in London are vermin infested and reports that there are now three times as many mice in domestic premises as there were six or seven years ago, some satisfaction can be gained from the fact that the rodent population is being kept in check, in this district.

HOUSING INSPECTION.

No Council building was undertaken during the year.

The Council did however provide services and developed surplus land at Great Casterton to form twelve building plots for private houses.

This District is fortunate in not having a slum clearance problem. However, two unfit properties were dealt with, both by closing orders.

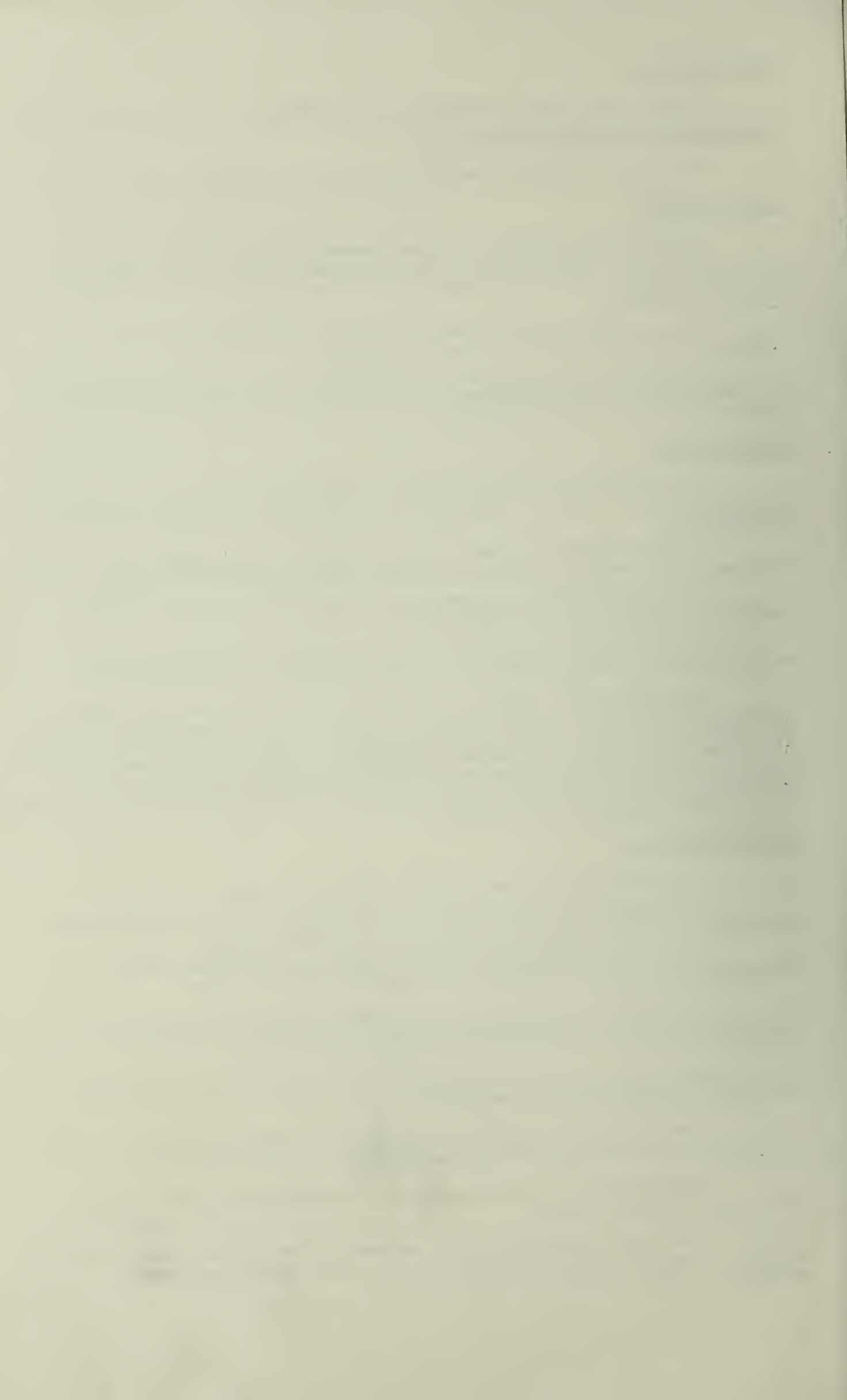
I estimate that there are some 20 unfit dwellings and 184 capable of improvement to the 12 point standard throughout the district.

House owners are still taking advantage of the generous grants under the Housing Act, 1969 to improve dwellings.

During the year 9 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant Standard and 9 to the Standard Grant requirements.

22 applications for grants resulted in the award of 9 Discretionary Grants and 13 Standard Grants.

The total cash value of grants approved during the year amounted to £12,430. In addition grants were made under the Local Authorities Historic Building Act 1962 for repairs to 3 houses.



HOUSING INSPECTION CONTINUED.....

No.of Visits.	119
No.of Houses inspected.	52
No.of Houses found unfit for Habitation.	2
No.of Houses not in all respects fit.	31

Remedy of defects.

No.of Houses made fit as a result of informal action.	14
No.of Houses closed as a result of Closing Orders.	2
No.of Houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners.	-
No.of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	-
No.of cases of overcrowding discovered.	-
No.of Houses made fit by accepting a programme of works.	6
No.of Houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order.	-

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICE, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963.

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

A.R.Burt.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspection made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspect- ions	Number of written Notices	Occup- iers Prosec- uted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	10	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	17	17	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding out- workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	27	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found		Number of cases in which prosec- utions were in- stituted
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspec- tor Referred	
Want of Cleanliness				
Overcrowding				
Temperature				
Inadequate Ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floors				
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective				
(c) Not separate for sexes.				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork.				
TOTAL				

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

NIL

